(b) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) The development of places of tWU-rist interest is primarily the responsi-bililty of State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to States fo ■ strengthening of to'.Kst infrastructure for specific proposals based on their merit, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities. For the year 1990-91 the Ministry of Tourism has prioritised in consultation with the U.P. Government. 29 projects for financial assistance which includes 22 schemes for wayside amenities, 3 schemes for tourist complexes and one sdheme each for fast food counter, yatri ni-was, forest lodge and sound & light show.

Name$_s$ **of model stations developed in U.P.**

191. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the model railway stations which have been developed in U.P. during th$_e$ last six months;

(b) what are the names of railway stations in U.P. which have been identified for development during the next year;

(c) whether Government propose to provide more amenities for passengers at Faizabad railway station in U.P.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Meerut City, Lucknow (NR), Allahabad Jn., Moradabad Jn., Lucknow Jn- (NER), Gorakhpur Jn., Kath-godam, Allahabad City and Agra Fort Jn., Railway Stations in Uttar Pradesh have been identified for development as Model Stations. Works in this regard at all these stations are in progress and are expected to be completed by middle of VIH Five Year Plan subject t$_0$ availability **of funds.**

(b) Development of stations is a continuous process and the same is done as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with, subject to availability of funds and relative needs of various other stations. Deve lopment works to be undertaken at various stations during 1991-92 are to be decided on the actual availability of funds.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Faizadabd Railway Station is being extensively developed at a cost of Rs. 2.51 crore.

Import of pulses

192. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of pulses have shown a steep rise during the current year; if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) what steps Government have taken to reduce their prices;

(c) whether Government propose to import pulses to bring down the prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O F FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) The month-end Wholesale Price Index number of pulses a$_s$ a whole moved from 212.4 in November, 1989 to 237.3 in November, 1990 registering an increase of 11.7 per cent. The increase is mainly due to the fact that domestic production has not kept pace with the domestic demand.

(b) Government is regularly reviewing the prices. Necessary measures have been taken to increase production of pulses in the country. Their availability is als$_0$ being augmented by imports. The custom duty on pulses was reduced from 35 per cent t$_0$ 10 per cent from 1-11-1989 so that the prices of pulses are also brought down.